

R U L E S

To be observed by the
Scholars of the Free-Grammar-School
O F
W I T T O N,

For the Preservation of Discipline, and Regularity, and the avoiding of Punishments.

I.

EVERY Boy shall appear at School precisely at SIX o'Clock in *Summer*, and at EIGHT in *Winter*; and for every Morning in the Week, that he is *absent* from School at Prayers, he shall have a Task of *ten* Lines, to be got the succeeding Night; and if *absent* more than once in one Week, an addition of *five* Lines to be made to his former Task; for not getting of which, he shall be *punished*.

II.

FOR the proper support of *Neatness* and *Decency*, every Boy shall come clean washed and combed; and for every *Breach* of this Rule, he shall have a Task to be got the succeeding Night.

III.

EVERY Boy shall be provided with Pens, Ink, and such Books as are usually read in his Class, or be sent Home till they be provided.

IV.

IF any one absent himself from School, without *leave* from the Master or a *Note* from his Friends; for the first Offence, he shall be admonished, and have a Task; for the second, shall be *severely* punished; and for the third be *expelled*, as an Example.

V.

HE that tells a *Lie*, *swears*, *steals*, or is guilty of *profane* or *debauched* Language, shall for the first Offence, be *admonished* and have a Task; for the second be *severely* whipped; and for the third *expelled*.

VI.

IF any Boy *breaks* a Window, or does any other *wilful* Damage, he shall *pay* for it; and after reason-

able Time being allowed for the Repair, if it be not done, he shall be *excluded* the School till Satisfaction be made.

VII.

EVERY Boy that is *idle* and *talkative*, in School-Hours, shall be spoke to *once* or *twice*; and if *persisting*, have a Task, and for not getting it be corrected accordingly.

VIII.

Two Impositors shall be chosen, by weekly Rotation, whose Office shall be to keep the Keys, acquaint the Master when Coals are wanting, and see that the School be kept clean; for every Omission of his Duty, he shall be *punished*.

IX.

THAT Justice may be impartially distributed, and to prevent all groundless Complaints of Severity; if any Boy pleads *not* guilty to any of the above Rules, he shall be tried by *five* of his School-Fellows, and condemned or acquitted by their Determination.

X.

AND, to encourage Dilligence, *two* Books will be given, every Christmas, by the Master, to the *two* Boys, who, in their several Classes, have behaved *best*, and made the *greatest* Improvement in Learning.

XI.

LASTLY, that no one may *plead* Ignorance, or *expect* Indulgences, that cannot be impartially allowed; these Rules shall be read over, by the Master four Times in the Year, at the commencement of every Quarter; and *no* one shall be *admitted* into this School, who *will not* submit to be governed by them.

29th of July 1786. We approve of the above Rules.

Penrhyn, John Mort, W. Brooke, John Barker, John Furey, { Tho. Marshall, } Bailiff-Feoffees.
J. F. Leicester, John Cheshire, W. Thearsby, John Hunt, John Cheney { Tho. Ives Brayne, }